

Notice of Allowability

Application No.

09/745,767

Applicant(s)

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Examiner

Art Unit

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to application filed 12/22/2000.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-52.
3. ☐ The drawings filed on _____ are accepted by the Examiner.
4. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
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5. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
6. ☒ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
- (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
- 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- (b) ☒ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
7. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☒ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08), Paper No./Mail Date 122200, 020901
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6. ☒ Interview Summary (PTO-413), Paper No./Mail Date 09102004.
7. ☒ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____.

DETAILED ACTION

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Michael Proksch (Reg. Number 43021) on September 9, 2004.

The specification has been amended as follows:

Page 13 line 25, "unit 222" has been replaced by "unit 240".

The following changes to the drawings have been approved by the examiner and agreed upon by applicant:

FIG. 5, Contents of Row Cycle 8, Column Mode Ranking cites "Mode 6 < Mode 8" must be "Mode 5 < Mode 8".

In order to avoid abandonment of the application, applicant must make these above agreed upon drawing changes.

Allowable Subject Matter

1. Claims 1-52 are allowed.

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

Claims 1, 24 and 42 describe a system of multiple access wireless communications between a transmitter and multiple receivers. The transmitter transmits information for multiple receivers in different transmission modes optimized for that particular link

The prior art search did not disclose the limitation of a first receiver receiving frames intended for a first receiver in a first transmission mode and frames intended for a second receiver in a second transmission mode, with the first receiver decoding the transmission mode frame information intended for the second receiver to obtain an error measure to determine if the second transmission mode is acceptable by the first receiver.

Citation of Prior Art

1. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

Agrawal et al. discloses a wireless network wherein a transmitter-receiver pair determines a power-code operating point based on the error rate. The power-code pair is similar in concept to the mode ID of the current application.

Gesbert et al. discloses mode lookup tables for data transmission in wireless communication channels based on statistical parameters. This concept is used in the current application for storage of mode ID in a mode database.

Kleider et al. discloses an adaptive-rate coded digital transmission.

In all disclosures, the inventions pertain to the transmission data intended for the receiver. The concept of monitoring data not for the intended receiver appears novel based on the prior art search.

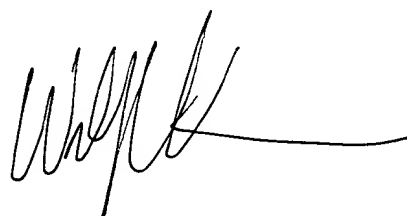
Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to John L Shew whose telephone number is 571-272-3137. The examiner can normally be reached on 8:30am - 5:00pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Wellington Chin can be reached on 571-272-3134. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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